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no data on the consignor, consignee, nature of the
load or other pertinent data may be recorded on waybills for shipments for
the Soviet Army.
2. According to a decree of the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, dated
10 June 1952, special permits issued by the Director General, Railroads,
or by the chief of the press department of the Directorate General, Railroads,
Berlin, are required in order to photograph railroad installations. Prior to
that date, these permits could be issued by the regional railroad headquarters. (1)
3. On 16 August, the equipping of boxcars for transporting troops was started. On
16 August, 60 boxcars were converted and ready to be dispatched. (2)
4. [redacted] effective 4 October 1952, the railroad
ferry to Sweden would operate from Warnemunde instead of from Sassnitz.
The Sassnitz railroad installations will be taken over by the Sea Police. (3)
5. [redacted] 25X1
- a. Work on the Nordring Berlin project has been accelerated. A total of 3,500
workers working three shifts and 18 excavators are being employed. Since
10 August work has been done on Sundays also. Although construction work
is 10 to 24 days behind schedule, the project is to be completed on
schedule by 15 September 1952. The entire line is to be double tracked.
The southern track will be used by the Berlin elevated railroad system,
while the northern track is to be reserved for long-distance traffic. (4)
- b. Four passing tracks each 1,100 meters long are under construction northeast
of Blankenfelde as part of the Nordring Berlin project. (4)

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c. Work on the double tracking of the Grossbeeren-Justerbog railroad line was started on 5 August. (5)

- 25X1 6. In mid-August, [] the roadbed for the second track of the Cottbus-Kalau line section was completed. However, ties were still lacking. (6)

25X1 [] Comments.

- 25X1 (1) Special security measures were previously taken to protect railroad bridges.
- (2) It is possible that these converted boxcars will be used to move recruits from the U.S.S.R. to Eastern Germany. The shipments of recruits started in mid-July but were suspended at the end of September. 25X1

(3) []

- (4) Information on this most important railroad construction project in Eastern Germany was transmitted previously. [] 25X1
- (5) The stretch between Grossbeeren and Justerbog is the last single track section of the otherwise double track Berlin-Halle trunk line. [] 25X1
- (6) The line section mentioned is part of the most important eastwest route from Guben to Falkenberg via Cottbus. The second track of this line, which had been dismantled, is to be reconstructed by the end of this year.

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